

(WASHINGTON) – Congressman Chet Edwards announced that he has secured federal funding at the request of leaders in Bosque County to build a new roof at Goodall-Witcher Hospital. The funding was included by Edwards in the 2011 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill, which passed the House Appropriations subcommittee recently.

“As the only hospital in Bosque County, Goodall-Witcher provides vital health care services, and I want to thank local leaders for bringing this important project to my attention,” **said Chet Edwards.**

At the request of local leaders, Chet secured \$400,000 in the bill to build a new roof for the only hospital in Bosque County, which serves a rural underserved community. The original roof was last replaced approximately 20 years ago, and has since deteriorated. This funding will also be available to complete the fire sprinkler system in the Nursing Facility of Goodall-Witcher Healthcare Foundation, ensuring the safety of those receiving care there.

In past years, Chet has secured funds requested by local leaders to renovate Goodall-Witcher Hospital’s 40-bed acute care hospital, expand the x-ray laboratory and emergency room area to accommodate the growth in outpatient services, and purchase important technology to help Goodall-Witcher Hospital better diagnose and treat patients.

“Expanding health care services for Bosque County families is critical for our future and can mean the difference between life and death,” concluded Edwards.□

Goodall-Witcher has been recognized as one of the top long-term care facilities in the State of Texas by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and U.S. News and World Report. The annual appropriations bill must still pass the House, Senate, and be signed into law.

Edwards is a member of the Rural Health Care Caucus□